

From: Peter H. Gleick
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2004 2:52 PM
To: Sajac, Virginia; Dabbs, Paul
Cc: B160 Project Team
Subject: Re: Friday, Dec. 10 briefings

Dear All,

I regret I may not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow, but I have reviewed the Water Plan Update powerpoint presentation and I wanted to express two serious concerns.

First, on the slide "New Features, Continued" all three of the "scenario curves" show rapidly increasing water use or need (or something). I think that at least one of these curves should be either level or declining, or peaking and then turning down. **The implication of constantly increasing water demand is inappropriate, not to mention flat wrong.** I attach here a curve of actual California water withdrawals for the past 30 years. Water use in California is NOT increasing and I insist that the assumption that it will in the future not be allowed to go into B160 unchallenged.

Second, on the slide "Range of Water Savings Benefits" with the bar chart of water options, I strongly object to the values show for Agricultural Water Use Efficiency. This number is not based on research and it is not valid. **Shown this way it is highly misleading.** Something must be done on the graph (and in the report text and writeup) to show that it is a lower limit, without an UPPER limit, or no value should be shown, and there should be a footnote saying: "Inadequate research has been done to permit us at this time to specify potential savings from cost-effective agricultural efficiency improvements."

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At 06:20 PM 12/8/04, Sajac, Virginia wrote:

Dear Advisory Committee and Project Team members,

Materials for Friday's morning (9:30 to 11:30) and afternoon (1:30 to 3:30) briefings have been posted at the following link:

<http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/b160/committee/meetings.html>.

Both briefings are in the Large Conference Room, 2nd floor, Bonderson Building, 901 P Street (corner of 9th and "P") and both have the same agenda and conference phone number: (916) 657-4114. Please choose either the morning or afternoon briefing.

Meeting goals are to provide updates on:

1. the *Water Plan* draft
2. phase 2
3. public hearings

Thank you for your continued interest! Please let me know if you have any questions.

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"Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana." -- Groucho Marx

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